

State Capitol, New
Mississippi Street at Congress Street
between North President and
North State Street
Jackson
Hinds County
Mississippi

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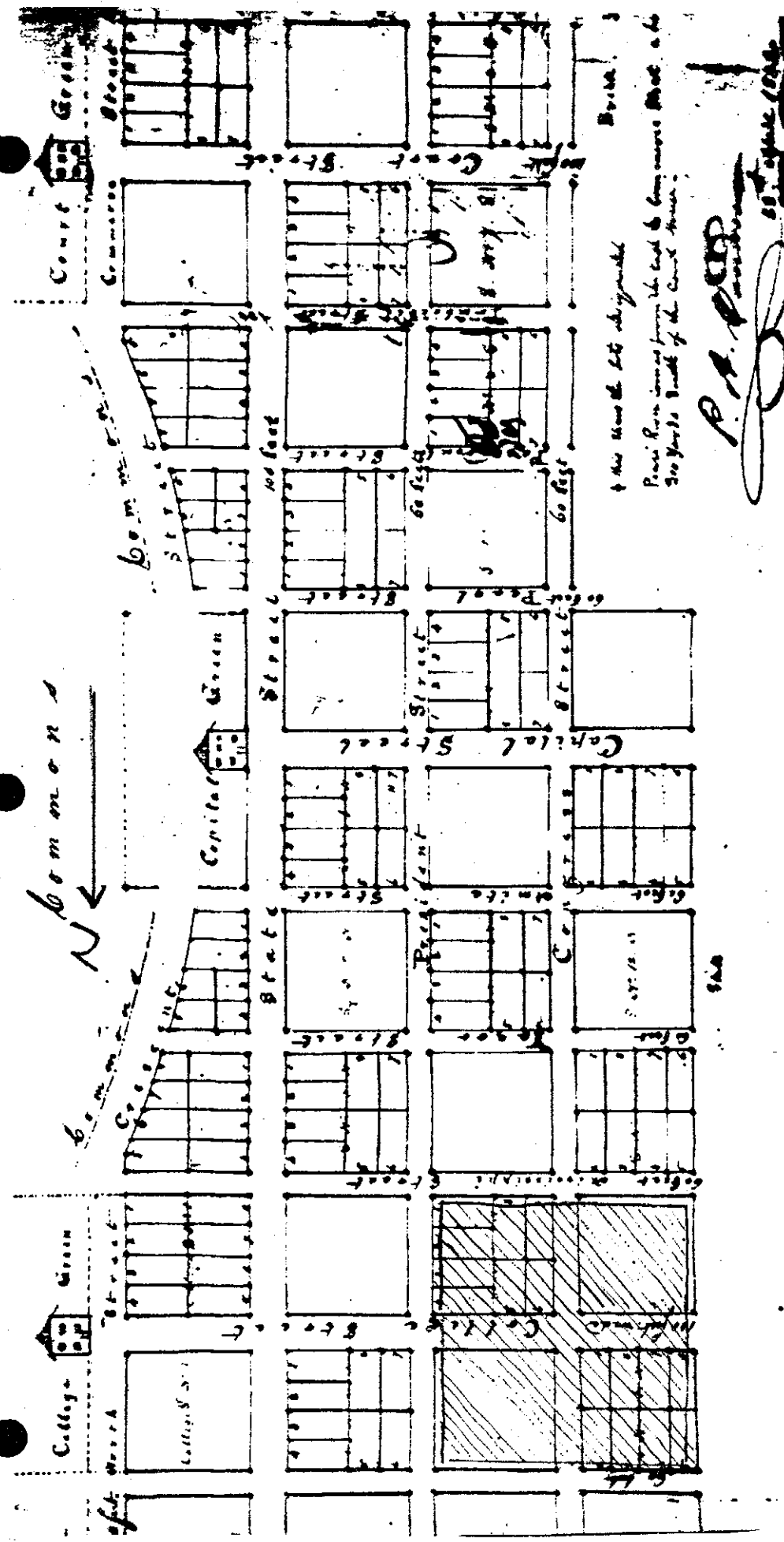
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MISSISSIPPI	COUNTY HINDS	TOWN OR VICINITY JACKSON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) STATE CAPITOL, NEW		HABS NO. MS-191
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Mississippi Street at Congress Street between North President and North State Streets.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1903	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Theodore C. Link, St. Louis, Missouri	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) As the state capitol this building has been the scene of many historic events including an address by General Douglas C. MacArthur before a joint session of the legislature from the steps of the building in 1952.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux Arts Classicism		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Rusticated foundations constructed of Georgian granite, exterior walls of smoothly polished Beaford limestone. Load bearing masonry walls. Flooring marble and tile, walls and ceiling polished marble and plaster.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 402' by 225', 23 bays, 4 stories, symmetrical five-part composition. Central rotunda flanked by hypens connecting to the legislative houses in the wing pavillions.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Front and rear entrance porticos on axis. Front pavillion consists of six Corinthian columns supporting a full entablature and pediment. The portico entablature becomes the cornice which surrounds the entire building. A dominant central dome rises from a circular drum and supports a lantern and gilt eagle.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Low, glass domes rest over each of the houses of the legislature. The Y-shaped ceremonial stairs are located directly behind the rotunda and are decorated with ornately carved consoles. Interior doors are glazed between an upper and a lower panel and surrounded by marble architraves.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No major alterations have occurred and the only repairs of any consequence were accomplished in 1934-1935 when the interior was generally repaired and redecorated.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition, good. Use, government assembly and offices.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE General contractor, Wells Brothers of Chicago. Art glass was supplied by Louis Millet of Chicago. Interior marble columns are fitted with iron capitals. The State Capitol is located on a rise of land which commands a broad view of Jackson. The site was reserved for government use in 1822. (See data page No. 2)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) HABS Data Sheets compiled by William C. Allen in 1974, based on Mississippi Department of Archives and History files including National Register of Historic Places Inventory, New Capitol Nomination Form, 1969. Daniel, Jean Houston. "Executive Mansions and Capitols of America," 1969.		
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